

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 10 have been amended merely to clarify the invention. The abstract has been amended to conform to MPEP § 608.01(b). Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with regard to "adapted to be", "or", and "means" in Claim 1, "weather strip" in Claim 4, and "about 0.6 to 1.2 mm" in Claim 6. The claims have been amended to clarify the above terms, thereby obviating this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawai. The Examiner refers to Figure 3 of Kawai. However, in Kawai, although the base section 15 is secured with an adhesive double coated tape 18 or with a clip (column 4, lines 65-67), (a) the strip does not have a second attachment face; (b) the right side area below the seal portion 19 cannot be used as a second attachment face, because the area is unevenly curved; (c) no double-sided adhesive is attached to the right side area; (d) because of (c), Kawai does not encounter a problem of heat deformation of clips when applying a double-sided adhesive with heat (as shown in Figure 4 of the present invention); and (e) the right side area and the base section 15 are not angled to each other to be fitted to respective mounting areas. Thus, Kawai in no way teaches using two attachment faces angled to each other, wherein one face is secured by clips and the other is secured with a double-sided adhesive.

In contrast, in the present invention, by using two attachment faces angled to each other, wherein one face is to be secured by clips and the other is to be secured with a double-sided adhesive, (i) adhesion is secured due to the use of two attachment faces angled to each other, and (ii) adhesion is further secured due to the prevention of heat deformation of clips when applying a

double-sided adhesive with heat. These structures are not taught by Kawai. Thus, Claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by Kawai, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai and further in view of Nozaki. Nozaki teaches a combination of clips and a double-sided adhesive. However, as shown in Figures 1 and 2 of Nozaki, (a) clips and a double-sided adhesive are used to attach to the same flat plane; and (b) a second angled face is not attached to any mounting area and is not provided with a double-sided adhesive. Nozaki is discussed in the present specification at pages 1-2 as a prior art which has problems. JP 9-123760 indicated in the present specification corresponds to Nozaki which claims priority to JP application No. 7-309886 which is JP 9-123760. The present invention can effectively resolve Nozaki's problem, i.e., heat deformation of clips when applying a double-sided adhesive with heat. According to the present invention, (i) adhesion is secured due to the use of two attachment faces angled to each other, and (ii) adhesion is further secured due to the prevention of heat deformation of clips when applying a double-sided adhesive with heat.

The teachings of Nozaki are not significantly different from those of Kawai with respect to the distinct features of the present invention. A combination of Kawai and Nozaki could not lead to the present invention. For the reasons above, independent claim 4 could not be obvious over Kawai and Nozaki, and at for the same reasons, Claims 7-10, which are dependent on Claim 4, and Claims 3 and 5-6, which are dependent on Claim 1, could not be obvious over Kawai and Nozaki. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A weather strip adapted to be placed between an outer periphery of a door and an opening periphery of a vehicle body, wherein one of the outer periphery or the opening periphery is an attachment periphery and has first and second mounting areas angled to each other to which periphery the weather strip is attached, said weather strip provided withcomprising (i) an attachment base, adapted to be fitted to the attachment periphery of a door or an opening periphery of a vehicle body, and (ii) a seal portion projecting from the attachment base and adapted to be compressed between the outer periphery of the door and the opening periphery of the vehicle body when the door is closed,

wherein the attachment base ~~includes~~comprises (I) a first attachment face provided with clips, said first attachment face adapted to be fitted to the first mounting area of the attachment periphery~~door or the vehicle body by means of the clips,~~ and (II) a second attachment face adapted to be fitted to the second mounting area of the attachment periphery~~door or the vehicle body with a double-sided adhesive tape, wherein one side of the double-sided adhesive is attached to the second attachment face before the other side of the double-sided adhesive is attached to the second mounting area of the attachment periphery;~~

, the first attachment face and the second attachment face being angled to each other to be fitted to the first mounting area and the second mounting area, respectively~~is formed to slant at a predetermined angle to the first attachment face.~~

4. (Amended) A weather strip mounting structure comprising:

(i) an outer periphery of a door;

(ii) an opening periphery of a vehicle body, wherein one of periphery (i) or (ii) is an attachment periphery and has first and second mounting areas angled to each other;

(iii) a weather strip attached to the attachment periphery, ~~of weather strip which comprises~~said a weather strip provided withcomprising (I) an attachment base fitted to a periphery of a door or an opening periphery of a vehicle body~~the attachment periphery~~ and (II) a seal portion projecting from the attachment base and adapted to be compressed between the door and the vehicle body when the door is closed, the attachment base including a first attachment

face and a second attachment face angled to each other to be fitted to the first mounting area and the second mounting area, respectively, wherein -and

~~a first mounting area to which the first attachment face is attached and a second mounting area to which the second attachment face is attached, both mounting areas being located at the periphery of the door or the opening periphery of the vehicle body;~~

~~wherein the second mounting area slants at a predetermined angle to the first mounting area;~~

the first attachment face is provided with clips and fitted to the first mounting area by means of the clips, and

the second attachment face is fitted to the second mounting area with a double-sided adhesive tape.

6. (Amended) The weather strip according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the double-sided adhesive tape is in the range of about 0.6 to about 1.2 mm.

10. (Amended) The mounting structure of weather strip according to claim 4, wherein the thickness of the double-sided adhesive tape is in the range of about 0.6 to about 1.2 mm.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT:

The abstract on page 12 has been amended as follows:

A weather strip ~~using~~uses both clips and a double-sided adhesive tape, and is included in a mounting structure. wherein ~~the~~ The double-sided adhesive tape is applicable with a machine, ~~and its mounting structure are provided.~~ The weather strip includes a first attachment face to be fitted to the door frame with the clips and a second attachment face to be fitted to the door frame with the double-sided adhesive tape; The ~~The~~ second attachment face slantsing at an angle of 15 to 75 degrees to the first attachment face.